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Mike - Please e-mail all sites with the following:

To all BP Sites:

Please read the attached notice to clarify confusion associated with the changing regulariory environment associated with selling tobacco products.

Until further notice, all eigerette promotions, displays and edvertising is business as usual until Congress votes and the President signs the tobacco settlement agreement. After which (assuming Congress does not change), retailers will have 5 months to change retail signage and 9 months to be in compliance with displays, promotions, etc. According to expert opinion (NOT OFFICIAL), expected changes will not take place until and of 1998. The changes will be announced when details are finalized.

URGENT REQUEST: Conflicting information has been sent directly to sites from FDA and various state authorities (especially in FA). These documents should not be acted upon without corporate instructions. Please immediately send a copy to your merchandiser for corporate review.

NOTE: 75% of all printed material is inaccurate causing confusion.

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